DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HIT Policy Committee Advisory Meetings; Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, HHS

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

This notice announces forthcoming meetings of a public advisory committee of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The meetings will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: HIT Policy Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on a policy framework for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information technology infrastructure that permits the electronic exchange and use of health information as is consistent with the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan and that includes recommendations on the areas in which standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria are needed.

Date and Time: These meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

January 8, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

February 6, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

March 14, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

April 3, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

May 7, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

June 5, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

July 9, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

August 7, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

September 4, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

October 2, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

November 6, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

December 4, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time.

For up-to-date information, go to the ONC website, http://www.healthit.gov/faca.

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<u>mackenzie.robertson@hhs.gov</u>. Please call the contact person for up-to-date information on these meetings. A notice in the Federal Register about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice.

Agenda: The committee will hear reports from its workgroups and updates from ONC and other Federal agencies. ONC intends to make background material available to the public no later than two (2) business days prior to each meeting. If ONC is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to a meeting, it will be made publicly available at the

location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on ONC's Web site after each meeting, at http://www.healthit.gov/faca.

Procedure: ONC is committed to the orderly conduct of its advisory committee meetings. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the Committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before two days prior to the Committee's meeting date. Oral comments from the public will be scheduled in the agendas. Time allotted for each presentation will be limited to three minutes. If the number of speakers requesting to comment is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during a scheduled public comment period, ONC will take written comments after each meeting until close of business on that day.

Persons attending ONC's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

ONC welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings. Seating is limited at the location, and ONC will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact MacKenzie Robertson at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App. 2).

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